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## 5 Claims:

- A method for preventing insects from entering an opening of a beverage can, comprising:
  providing a beverage can (16) having a lever member (30) with a handle member (32) and an engaging member (34), the lever
  member (30) being attached to a top surface (12) of the beverage can (16), a cover member (10) placed on top of the top surface (12) so that a protection area (27) is placed above a weakened segment (36) of the top surface (12); with the protecting area (27) placed on top of the weakened
  segment (36), lifting the handle member (32) to move the engaging member (34) to engage the weakened segment (36); and pushing a portion of the weakened segment (36) into the beverage can (16) to separate segments (35) from the protecting area (27) to create an aperture (28) aligned with
  - 2. The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises adhering the cover member (10) to the top surface (12).

20 an opening (38) defined in the top surface (12).

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3. The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises providing the cover member. (10) with an opening (20) that has a shape that is similar to a shape of the lever

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- 8 - member (30).

4. The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises moving an outer end (31) immediately adjacent to an 5 inner edge (29) of the cover member (10).

- 5. The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises separating the separation portions (37) of protecting area (27) from the weakened segment (36) when the weakened segment (36) is pushed into the can by the engaging portion (34).
- The method according to claim 5 wherein the method further comprises providing an adhesive under the segments
   (35) that is stronger than an adhesive under the separation portions (37).
- 7. The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises leaving the segments (35) adhered to the weakened segment (36) while the lever member (30) is pushed back toward the top surface (12).
- 8. The method according to claim 1 wherein the method further comprises permitting a liquid to pass through the opening (38) and the aperture (28) of the cover member (10).